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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 98-153

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms

In s. Trans 300.54 (4), the notation “, Stats.,” should be inserted after “s. 347.44.”

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

Section Trans 300.16 (1) requires that the strobe light be actuated whenever the bus is in operation on the highway for purposes specified in s. 340.01 (56) (a) and (am), Stats. Section Trans 300.54 (1) (am) 6. requires that the strobe light be actuated whenever the bus is in operation on a highway *unless* the bus is being operated in accordance with s. 346.48 (2) (c), Stats. Section 346.48 (2) (c), Stats., regulates when flashing red warning lights on a school bus may be used to warn approaching traffic that the bus is intending to stop to either pick up or discharge passengers. The statutory section says that the flashing red warning lights shall *not* be used when a school bus is being used on a highway for purposes *other* than those specified in s. 340.01 (56) (a) and (am), Stats., but says that the flashing red warning lights *may* be used at any time that a school bus is transporting children for any purpose. If the department intends that strobe lights may be used at any time that a school bus is transporting children for purposes other than those specified in s. 340.01 (56) (a) and (am), Stats., it is suggested that the rule be redrafted to explicitly say so.